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AGENDA ITEM: Meeting Minutes

BACKGROUND: Meeting minutes of the November 21, 2014 Regular Meeting are included for review and possible approval.

RECOMMENDATION: The Regional Director recommends review and approval of the November 21, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes.



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**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Gila Regional Partnership Council
Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2014**

Call to Order, Welcome and Roll Call

The Gila Regional Partnership Council Regular Meeting was held on Friday, November 21, 2014 at the Tonto Apache Tribal Chambers Highway 87 Mile Marker 251 Payson, Arizona 85501.

Chair Shipley called the meeting to order at approximately 10:04 a.m.

Regional Council Members in attendance:

Ann Tolman, Audrey Opitz (telephonic), Debby Bunney, Fernando Shipley, Mike Clark, Tashina Smith, Charles Proudfoot and Sherry Dorathy

Regional Council Members not in attendance:

Carol Welsh and Diane Bricker

Meeting Minutes

Chair Shipley presented the minutes of the October 17, 2014 – Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Member Clark to approve the meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Member Smith. Motion carried 8-0.

Call to the Public

Chair Shipley announced the Call to the Public. There were no requests.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Members Dorathy and Proudfoot declared a conflict of interest with the Quality First strategy. They recused themselves from any discussion and vote related to this strategy due to their overseeing Quality First centers.

SFY2016 – 2018 Strategic Impact

Hazel Chandler, Gila Regional Director, expressed concerns with decreasing Quality First scholarships by half from current funding levels. Ms. Chandler has discovered that North Country is now implementing Health Start in the region. The Health Start model does not require professional level staff and uses paraprofessionals with funding from Arizona Department of Health Services. This program coming into the region will require that the Care Coordination strategy would have to be released as a RFGA for SFY2016. This also presents an opportunity to lower the funds allocated due to services including developmental screenings being billable to insurances.

Ms. Chandler also informed the Regional Council that the Rural Schools grantees will be required to implement evidence based programs in SFY2016 and may require more funding to purchase the materials.

Member Bunney expressed her concern over decreased scholarships due to the direct support for each child and their family that is provided through scholarships. Member Dorathy also expressed concern with the Care Coordination grantee not reaching their target service units.

Ms. Chandler presented attachment 02 with the funding levels discussed during the October 17, 2014 Regular Meeting and a second option with more funding for Quality First Scholarships. The Regional Council and staff had a lengthy discussion on their intent for each of the strategies and used attachment 02 to determine allocations of each strategy for the SFY2016 funding plan.

The Regional Council came to a consensus on each strategy's funding, target service units and funding mechanisms.

A motion was made by Member Proudfoot that the Gila Regional Partnership Council approves Parenting Education with a funding level of \$136,747, Parenting Outreach and Awareness with funding levels \$65,000, Care Coordination with funding levels \$100,000, Statewide Evaluation with a funding level of \$37,344 with funding mechanism and target service units that were agreed upon during this meeting, seconded by Member Dorathy. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Member Bunney that the Gila Regional Partnership Council approves the Quality First Strategy package for 5 centers and 3 homes, with estimated funding allotments of \$119,378 for Quality First Coaching and Incentives, Quality First Academy, Quality First Specialized Technical Assistance and Child Care Health Consultation for fiscal year 2016, seconded by Member Smith. Motion carried 6-0-2. Members Dorathy and Proudfoot declared conflicts of interest with this strategy due to their overseeing of Quality First centers.

A motion was made by Member Smith that the Gila Regional Partnership Council approves the Quality First Scholarships with approximately \$239,000 for fiscal year 2016 with a target service unit of 34, seconded by Member Clark. Motion carried 6-0-2. Members Dorathy and Proudfoot declared conflicts of interest with this strategy due to their overseeing of Quality First centers.

SFY2016 – 2018 Strategic Planning and SFY2016 Funding Plan

Ms. Chandler brought it to the Regional Council's attention that healthy weight is listed as an unfunded strategy in the SFY2016 funding plan but not as a need of the region and that the funded strategies need to be prioritized. The Regional Council agreed to include healthy weight as a need in the SFY2016 funding plan and requested that the Care Coordination strategy be moved below the Quality First Scholarship strategy.

Governance Policy

Chair Shipley presented attachment 04 and informed the Regional Council that First Things First's new general counsel has reviewed all governance policies and the only recommendation was to decide if meeting calendars should be the calendar year or state fiscal year. The Regional Council agreed to continue scheduling based on the calendar year. Ms. Chandler requested that the governance policy be reviewed and any suggestions be discussed during the January 2015 Regular Meeting.

2015 Meeting Schedule

Chair Shipley informed the Regional Council that the 2015 meeting schedule on attachment 05 continues the current schedule of every third Friday of the month except February and July which no meetings will be held.

A motion was made by Member Clark that the meeting schedule be approved as presented, seconded by Member Bunney. Motion carried 8-0.

Regional Partnership Council Member Updates

Chair Shipley opened the floor for updates. Member Bunney provided an update on Read On and their hopes to declare 2015 the year of literacy.

Regional Director's Report

Ms. Chandler reviewed attachment 06. The Regional Council was reminded that the Parent Seat is vacant and any help finding applicants would be appreciated. Ms. Chandler also announced her plans to retire on March 3, 2015.

Recommended Future Agenda Items

No recommendations were received from the Regional Council.

Next Regional Partnership Council Meeting

The next Regional Council meeting will be held Friday, January 16, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center, Medical Office Building B, 5880 South Hospital Drive, Globe, Arizona 85501.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Shipley adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

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Fernando Shipley, Chair
Dated this 16th day of January 2015

Hazel Chandler, Regional Director
Dated this 16th day of January 2015